

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 11, 13, 36-38 and 51 are amended to merely clarify the claimed subject matter without the intention of narrowing the scope of any of the claims. Support for the amendment to claim 51 may be found, for example, in FIG. 5 and on page 6 of the detailed description of the application. No new matter is added. Claims 1, 3-26, 28-51 and 53-56 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-26 and 28-50 are allowed.

The Office Action rejected claims 51 and 53-56 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly being single means claims. Also, claims 51 and 53-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants submit that claims 51 and 53-56, as amended, are fully compliant with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Therefore, the rejections are traversed.

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants request issuance of a notice of allowance indicating the allowability of all pending claims. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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